(b) whether Government have enquired into it, if so, what are its findings?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Export of processed mica and mica scrap is canalised through Mica Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MITCO). Though exports are canalised private exporters have been afforded the facility to obtain export orders from General Currency Area and sevice 50 per cent of such orders themselves and the balance 50 per cent is left for servicing by MITCO. Out of the total exports during the year 1984-85, 74 per cent of the order were obtained directly by MITCO.

Representations against this arrangement have been received. At present, no change in the sharing arrangement is contemplated.

Leakage in opium factory in Madhya Pradesh

947. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study regarding the extent of leakage in Government-run opium factory in Madhya Pradesh and of the growth of clandestine opium farms in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country and their contribution to the illegal narcotics trade; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the measures taken by Government to plug the leakage and to check the growth of clandestine opium farms in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

It is, however, stated that in the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works, Neemuch which has been declared as a 'protected area', there is a two-tier security system. The staff of the Central Industrial Security Force and the preventive & intelligence staff of the Central Bureau of Narcotics keep a strict vigil. There are no reports of any leakage of opium from the factory.

The staff of the Narcotics Department keep a constant vigil, particularly during the opium poppy cultivation season, in the area licensed for poppy cultivation to prevent leakage of opium from licit cultivation. As compared to the total production of opium in the country the leakage as indicated by internal seizures is not significant.

Periodical high-level meetings are held with the State enforcement agencies for reviewing the illicit traffic situation including matters relating to illicit cultivation. Deterrent punishment has been provided for offences including those relating to illicit cultivation and trafficking of opium etc. under the recently enacted Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Consumption of petroleum products in Government offices

948. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the Central Government offices and Central Public undertakings to effect saving in the consumption of petroleum produces;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of petroleum products consumption in the Central Government offices and Central Public undertaking during the last three years, year-wise; and